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SUMMARY: WE STILL HAVE NO CLEAR PICTURE OF GOP SCENARIO FOR TRANSFERRING POWER TO GUINEA-BIASAU. GOP WAITING FOR RESPONSE FROM PAIGC TO REQUEST FOR MEETING ON THIS SUBJECT. GOP BELIEVES AN ATTEMPT BY SOVIET TO RAISE G-B ENTRY INTO UN AT SC CAN BE HELD UP BY PARLIAMENTARY DELAYING TACTICS UNTIL GIP-PAIGC TALKS COMPLETED. GOP SOMEWHAT WORRIED OVER LINKAGE OF CAPE VERDE WITH G-B. EMBASSY HOPES HAVE BETTER PICTURE AFTER SOARES MEETING WITH "FRIENDLY" CHIEFS OF MISSION MEETING SCHEDULED MONDAY MORNING. END SUMMARY.

1. AT DINNER AUGUST 2 GIVEN BY FONMIN SOARES IN HONOR UNSYG WALDHEIM CHARGE DISCUSSED SUBJECT WITH SOARES, SECSTATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS CAMPINOS, AMBASSADOR TO UN VEIGA SIMAO, CHIEF OF CABINET CUNHA REGO, AND POLITICAL DIRECTOR MAGALHAES CRUZ. NO CLEAR SCENARIO EMERGED. GOP PROPOSED TO PAIGC ONE WEEK AGO THAT GOP-PAIGC MEETING TO DISCUSS MODALITIES OF TRANSFER OF POWER BE HELD IN BISSAU (LEVEL NOT SPECIFIED THOUGH SIMAO INDICATED SPINOLA WOULD PROBABLY NOT BE GOP REPRESENTATIVE). GOP HAD HOPED FOR REPLY IN TIME FOR WALDHEIM VISIT BUT NONE YET RECEIVED. ALL CONFIDENTIAL

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FELT THAT MATTER WOULD NOT BE RAISED IN SECURITY COUNCIL UNTIL GOP-PAIGC TALKS HAD REACHED POINT WHERE PORTUGAL COULD RECOGNIZE AND SPONSOR GUINEA-BISSAU APPLICATION.

2. TO HYPOTHESIS THAT SOVIET REP AS AUGUST SECURITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT MIGHT PRECIPITATE MATTERS PRIOR TO GOP RECOGNITION OF G-B, BOTH CAMPINHOS AND SIMAO

FELT THAT PARLIAMENTARY DELAYING TACTICS COULD PREVENT MATTER FROM COMING TO VOTE PRIOR TO COMPLETION GOP-PAIGC ARRANGEMENTS. PRESENTED WITH POSSIBILITY THAT SOVIETS MIGHT PUSH MATTER IN ORDER EMBARRASS US, REGO INDICATED GOP WOULD NOT BE UPSET IF US ABSTAINED, THOUGH GOP WOULD APPRECIATE ADVANCE WARNING THAT US WOULD SO VOTE. SIMAO, HOWEVER, EXPRESSED HOPE THAT US WOULD VETO ON GROUNDS MATTER SHOULD NOT BE CONSIDERED WHEN GOP-PAIGC TALKS AT SUCH ADVANCED STATE. CAMPINOS FELT THAT GOP MISSIONARY WORK WITH OTHER DELEGATIONS WOULD PREVENT PERMATURE VOTE, BUT ADMITTED THAT GOP HAD NOT TALKED TO SOVIETS. WHEN CHARGE SUGGESTED THAT GOP NOW HAD MEANS FOR DIRECT CONTACT WITH SOVIETS, REFERRING TO PRESENCE IN LISBON OF SOVIET CHARGE (WHO MADE FIRST PUBLIC APPEARANCE AT WALDHEIM DINNER), CAMPINOS INDICATED GOP WOULD CONSIDER APPROACHING SOVIETS ON MATTER.

3. SIMAO EXPRESSED CONFIDENCE THAT PAIGC WOULD NOT NOW GO BACK ON AGREEMENT HAVE GOP RECOGNITION COVER ONLY G-B, NOT CAPE VERDE. HE POINTED OUT THAT G-B CONSTITUTION DID NOT COVER CAPE VERDE AND THAT 80-ODD RECOGNITIONS ALSO COVERED ONLY G-B, NOT CAPE VERDE. HE ADMITTED, HOWEVER, THAT DELAYED PAIGC RESPONSE TO GOP PROPOSAL AND POSSIBILITY OF OAU PRESSURE RAIED CONCERN OVER CAPE VERDE ISSUE.

4. SOARES EXPRESSED HOPE THAT HE WOULD BE IN POSITION TO PROVIDE CLEAR PICTURE ON SUBJECT WHEN HE TALKS TO CHIEFS OF MISSION OF "FRIENDLY" COUNTRIES (INCLUDING US), WHOM HE HAS INVITED TO MEET WITH HIM AT NOON MONDAY.

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5. COMMENT: REGRET THAT NO MORE DEFINITE PICTURE AVAILABLE. CLEARLY GOP HOPES THAT PAIGC RESPONSE, WHICH WILL ENABLE MORE DEFINITE SECNARIO TO BE SKETCHED OUT, WILL BE FORTHCOMING SOON. MEANWHILE, GOP HOPES ITS FRIENDS WILL BE ABLE TO PREVENT ADMISSION MOTION FROM REACHING VOTING STAGE, AND HOPEFULLY THEY WILL TRY PERSUADE SOVIETS.
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